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Environment Department Lifts Mandatory Boil Water Advisory for Enchanted Forest Water Corporation in Little Bear Fire Burn Area

*Mandatory Boil Water Remains in Effect for Ski Apache,
Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center, and Villa Madonna
Precautionary Boil Water Remains in Effect for All Other Burn Areas*

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has lifted the mandatory boil water advisory for the Enchanted Forest Water Corporation in the Little Bear Fire Burn area. Recent drinking water sample results indicate that the water system infrastructure was not compromised by the fire.

The following NMED **mandatory** boil water advisories remain in effect:

- Ski Apache
- Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center
- Villa Madonna

The water system consumers of Ski Apache, Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center and Villa Madonna are advised to seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, or boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dishwashing.

NMED Drinking Water Bureau Field Staff continue to sample drinking water in the Little Bear Wildfire Burn Area that have been reopened to evacuees. Additional mandatory boil water advisories will be issued as warranted pending final sample results.

The NMED continues to remind all evacuees returning to homes/cabins within other burn areas that a **precautionary** boil water advisory remains in effect.

The NMED is also asking all evacuees to conserve drinking water when returning to areas which have been impacted by the Little Bear Fire. The fire may have damaged electrical wires or other water facilities which are critical to producing drinking water. If unable to produce drinking water, the systems must rely on existing storage until critical water facilities are repaired. Water conservation allows the systems additional time to make the needed repairs and avoid complete water outages.

For more information, call NMED District IV Drinking Water Bureau Manager Joe Savage at (575) 973-0009.

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